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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Hebert on 13 July 1973**

1. I stopped to see Chairman Hebert, and in the course of a friendly and as usual fascinating discussion, the following points were made.

2. Chairman Hebert said not to worry about the Proxmire/Harrington bill, as this would be referred to his Committee and would be brought into proper form. He asked whether I would be willing to appear in public on possible changes in legislation. I said I would, if that was the desire, and reiterated my suggestion of the addition of the word "foreign." Chairman Hebert asked what I thought of the idea of saying that various activities could be conducted only with the President's personal approval. I said that it seemed reasonable, but that it might be better to proscribe the agency from such activities entirely in view of today's politics, as a provision for the President's personal approval might raise a political problem of its own.

3. I mentioned my requirement to provide Chairman McClellan a letter with respect to what parts of the budget might be made public. I said I was aware that Chairman Mahon might have some views on this and that I would try to keep him informed in advance of any material we send to Chairman McClellan. In this connection, I offered Chairman Hebert the same budget briefing we had given to the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee. Chairman Hebert said that he did not think this necessary. I also asked Chairman Hebert if there are any changes we should be making in the way we keep his Subcommittee informed of what is happening in the world. He suggested that the less done along this line, perhaps the better. He is deeply concerned about the exposure of the Agency and its activities to leakage and political dispute.

4. I showed Chairman Hebert the first of the NSCID's and described the attempt of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee to see this "secret

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charter. Chairman Hebert read a bit of the first one and suggested that I show the full account to Mr. Nedzi. I included in this account a description of the 40 Committee and its individual approval of our activities in the covert action field.

5. Action: OLC. Please (a) organize a meeting with Chairman Mahon so I can show him the letter we prepare for Senator McClellan and (b) arrange a meeting with Mr. Nedzi to go over the NSCID's. I will handle both of these meetings but would like Mr. Maury to accompany me.

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